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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/879,854  
Applicant : Schinazi *et al.*  
Filed : June 12, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 1623  
Examiner : Howard V. Owens Jr.

Confirmation No. 3686

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Docket No. : 18085.105093  
Customer No. : 20786

Commissioner for Patents  
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## PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on April 16, 2003, in the above-identified application be extended for five months, to and including, October 16, 2003. Applicants hereby enclose a check in the amount of \$2,010.00 associated with this Petition. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Sincerely,

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*with express permission*  
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